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You Can't Enforce the Law

The statement that there is as much liquor sold in a dry town as in a wet is probably a falsehood in 99 cases out of a hundred. At the same time it is one of the strongest possible reasons why a dry town should continue to outlaw the saloon.

You can't enforce the law? Let us look at this statement a moment. Who says it? The ex-saloon keeper. Who violates the law? The same man. Who furnishes him his stock? The wholesale liquor dealer. What is their purpose? They go about it deliberately to violate the law. They say, "If you do not legalize our business, we will defy your law. We will violate it where we can." Is that a reason for taking them back into your midst? There would be just as much sense in licensing robbers who threaten to become assassins unless they were given a free hand to rob. To take back into a community men of that character would be criminal. There must be no surrender. Efforts must be redoubled. To secure law enforcement, men must be elected who will enforce what laws we have, and men must be sent to the Legislature who will give us laws which will help in the enforcement of the present laws.

To return the saloon to a town that has once been dry would make every man who voted for its return or failed to vote against its return, responsible for the crimes which it incites. Who wants to assume that responsibility? Certainly no thoughtful citizen. The right-minded citizen will help in the enforcement of the law, knowing that conditions can be brought to where the laws will be enforced and their homes will be free from the saloon influence. This has been the history of many towns which are now permanently free from the saloon. Keep at it.

Two and One-half Votes vs. 25,000

In one of the Senatorial Districts in Chicago, in the Primary election, a prominent and highly respected citizen running for Senator was defeated by two and one-half votes, while there were 25,000 voters in the district who did not go to the polls. That district at the present time is served by a Senator concerning whose escapade the following item appeared in one of the morning papers recently. The people of this district will hardly be proud to know that they are represented in the Senate of the great State of Illinois by Mr. Waage, and yet in the light of their neglected duties at the polls are they not getting about what they deserve?

Charging that her husband was almost constantly drunk and that several times he struck and beat her, Mrs. Florence Waage yesterday filed suit for divorce in the Circuit Court against John Waage, lawyer and State Senator from the Twenty-fifth senatorial district.

The Drys Win in Maine

According to latest information the final official count of the ballots in the State of Maine will probably give the drys the contest by something over 700 majority. Of course the daily newspapers will notice this little victory (some of them) in an item away down in the left-hand corner of some obscure page. It is little short of disgusting to notice the subservience of the average daily papers to the liquor interests of the country. When a victory for the liquor interests is announced, it generally is printed in a prominent place in bold face type in these papers. When it is given out that the drys have won, the editors, doubtless feeling that newspapers must publish the news, report it, but it is invariably shoved off into a portion of the paper where the average reader will never see it and is often printed in breviter type.

There are, however, many evidences throughout the country that the temperance people ARE COMING BACK. With the wets all but losing their battle in the great state-wide fight in Texas; and after all their boasting and lying actually losing their fight in the State of Maine, and that with 20,000 people, probably most of them dry, staying home or not voting; and in the old bourbon State of Kentucky, the home of Gilmore and Watterson, both political parties having endorsed county option for that state; with West Virginia about to vote on the Constitutional Amendment and almost everyone conceding victory for the drys in advance, it is evident that the tide has again turned and the people of this country may be expected to come back with renewed determination, and strike the old traffic and its political backers a more staggering blow than has yet been delivered.